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Brief Description of Figures:

- Fig. 1 Amino acid sequences and sources of selected peptides;
Fig. 2 Screening of synthesized peptides, representing IL-6, in the B9 bio-assay;
Fig. 3 Screening of synthesized peptides, representing IL-6Ra, in the B9 bio-assay;
Fig. 4 Screening of synthesized peptides, representing gp130, in the B9 bio-assay; and
Fig. 5 Screening synthetic peptides showing a region with agonistic activity (dilution 1:50).
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